



Light Up With an Unbelievable Summer's Day in Kinosaki Onsen

Beyond soothing natural hot springs and quaint rural appeal, Kinosaki Onsen and the nearby ocean waves beckon visitors with memories only possible on a Japanese summer's day.

[Sunrise Soak in a Private Hot Spring](#)



Catch an early sunrise with a warm hot spring soak surrounded by the cool morning mountain air. Multiple traditional ryokan inns dappled around Kinosaki Onsen offer luxury private bath experiences for staying guests. Nishimuraya Hotel Shogetsutei wows visitors with three villas tucked away in the forest, each complete with a private hot spring, bedrock bath, and lounge. Top off the dip with a glass of champagne and mindful introspection.

[Cool Off at Takeno Beach](#)

Crystal aquamarine waters call visitors to Kinosaki Onsen's nearby Takeno Beach, the crown jewel of Kinosaki summers just ten minutes away by train. Surrounded by breathtaking nature unique to the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark, Takeno Beach offers unmatched outdoor experiences including kayaking, snorkeling, and boating.



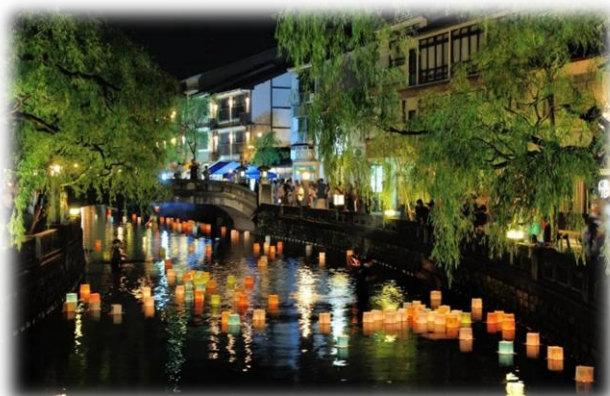
[Luxury Seafood Dinner at Yashio](#)



Refuel after the beach with a quintessentially local seafood feast at Yashio, an exclusive reservation-only restaurant nestled among charming cedar homes lining the portside neighborhood. Purchased directly from the residential fisherman's cooperative, the ingredients gracing the plates in Yashio's nine-course dinner vary with the seasons for a distinct array of current and complimentary flavors.

[Evening Fireworks on the Beach or Lanterns by the River](#)

End the day with a dazzling fireworks display on Takeno Beach or along the willow-lined canals of Kinosaki Onsen. While Takeno Beach exclusively holds an impressive fifty-minute summer fireworks show one night a year at the end of July, Kinosaki Onsen lights up the sky above the Otani River for multiple nights in July and August with five-minute bursts of sparkling designs. Visitors timing their trip just right can also catch Kinosaki Onsen's lantern festival, held once a year on the final day of fireworks. Check the Visit Kinosaki website for the most up-to-date schedules.



[Go Beyond the Beach and Springs to the Town of Samurai](#)

Consider an additional day of local exploration with a visit to Izushi, Kinosaki Onsen's nearby samurai town teeming with old-world allure of castle ruins, shrines, and scenery reminiscent of Kyoto's top sights minus the crowds. Unbeatable attractions in the area include the traditional Eirakukan Kabuki Theater open for self-guided tours, the countless red torii gates of Arikoyama Inari Shrine, and a carefully preserved townscape with samurai castle remains.





[Kinosaki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored tradition dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven tattoo-friendly public hot springs, all within walking distance. Guests wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and enjoy onsen-hopping.

[Toyooka](#) is home to the Oriental White Stork, a national natural treasure that was revived from extinction in this very city. Toyooka's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now over 400 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known as one of Japan's largest producers of handbags.



[Izushi](#) is a residential castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of samurai-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a Japanese-style clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on five plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with outdoor activities year-round and a perfect destination for adventure travelers. In the winter, visitors go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding, and during the green season, hiking, paragliding, fishing, and tree climbing are popular pastimes.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fishing and beach town with landscapes part of the UNESCO San'in Kaigan Geopark. Takeno beach has clear, blue waters while the surrounding mountains offer great hiking opportunities. Visitors stroll through the peaceful town, discovering small shops and traditional cedar wood homes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature including hot springs, a giant field of tulips in the spring, brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall, and waterfall meditation.

